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MISSION & VISION



Uphold the
Constitutions of
the United States
and Utah



Enforce the Law



Protect Utah,
its Citizens,
Resources, and
Liberties

UTAH ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

- The State's preeminent law firm
- Law enforcement agency with statewide jurisdiction
- Independent authority to act to protect the People of Utah

DID YOU KNOW

- AGO handles 10,000+ cases/matters at any given time
- Organized into 3 Departments, 17 Divisions, and 55 Sections
- Statewide Civil Jurisdiction and Counsel to State Agencies
 - Represents over 170 commissions, boards, and agencies
- 80% of budget is personnel:
 - 281 full-time lawyers and 250 support staff
- Broad criminal prosecution mandates: child pornography, human trafficking, drug and weapons smuggling, cyber hacking, Ponzi schemes, and public corruption

Awards and Recognitions

- IACP recognition for technology to improve policing with VirTra training protocols and Rapid DNA
- Over 20 Best of State Awards for CJs, Law Enforcement, @Ease, Utah Opioid Task Force, CASE Unit, ICAC, victim advocacy, and more
- Presidential Commendation for pioneering work combatting human trafficking, opioids, mental and behavioral threats, and violence in schools
- Best Supreme Court Brief in the United States for all AG Offices and winning argument at SCOTUS
- Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative Award for excellence in government ethics
- Commendations and awards from U.S. Department of Justice, SEC, and DEA for partnerships in fighting crimes

ACTIONS OPPOSING FEDERAL OVERREACH

- Opposed vaccine mandates for large employers
- Opposed vaccine mandates for Medicaid and Medicare providers
- Opposed vaccine mandates for Head Start preschool programs
- Opposed vaccine mandates for federal contractor employees
- Opposed moratorium on oil-and-gas leasing program
- Opposed EPA authority to seize control of power grids and electricity production
- Opposed tax mandate in the American Rescue Plan Act
- Opposed Executive Order revoking Keystone Pipeline border permit
- Fighting the "Social Cost" of Carbon Executive Order

UTAH-LED JOINT DEFENSE

Protecting Utah and our Sister States

Utah took the lead on several amicus briefs and comments letters and joined onto more than 50 issues last year including:

- First, Second, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, and Tenth Amendment Rights
- Abortion
- Antitrust
- Voting Rights
- Energy
- Environment
- ERISA fiduciary obligations
- Executive Orders
- Privacy
- Public Lands
- Holding Big Tech Accountable
- And More

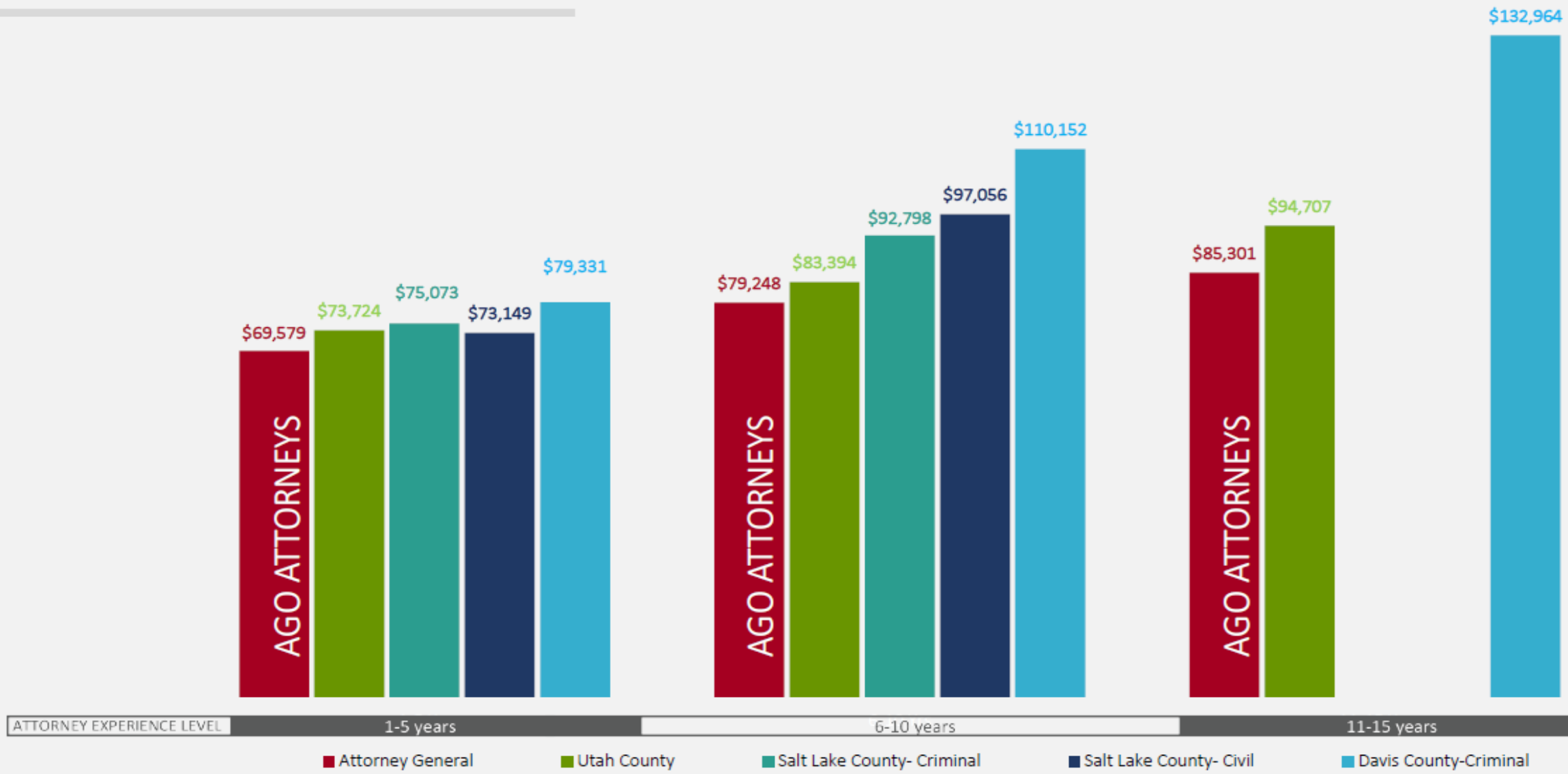
AGO Budget Priorities

- Hiring and Retention Crisis
- Increased Federal Overreach
- Protecting State Laws from Challenge
- Supporting Victims and Protecting the Public

HIRING AND RETENTION CRISIS

AG vs. Other Public Law Offices*

BASE SALARY FOR ATTORNEYS BASED ON YEARS OF SERVICE



*Based on AG conducted survey of district and county attorney offices

HIRING AND RETENTION CRISIS REQUEST

\$2M (or more) for targeted compensation

- Installment in multiyear effort to improve AGO compensation.

\$750K for AGO Investigations

- On par with Governor's requests for DPS and Corrections

CONSTITUTIONAL DEFENSE AND SPECIAL LITIGATION

\$219,000

- 1 Attorney FTE and .25 paralegal
- Defends against lawsuits challenging the constitutionality of state law

SUPPORT VICTIMS: HB 281 (2019, Lisonbee)

\$630,825 ongoing

- First Degree Felony Reviews
- 1 Prosecutor, 1 Investigator, 1 Victim Coordinator, 1 Paralegal

PROTECT THE PUBLIC: CASE UNIT

\$500,000 ongoing, non-lapsing

- Crimes Against State Economy (CASE) Task Force
- Joint leadership with DPS
- Focus on organized retail crime, cargo theft, porch piracy, gambling, & catalytic converter theft, scrap metal, online fraud, etc.
- 3-year pilot program, funded by private donations
- First of its kind, leading other states to evaluate adoption

SECURITY AND CRIMINAL ENFORCEMENT

- Microsoft Office Security Upgrades and License: **\$250,000**

- Utah Trafficking in Persons Task Force

Criminal Analyst

Grant match: **\$13,500** (One-time FY22) + **\$18,000** (Ongoing FY23)

- Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force: Authorization (no state funds)

Cybertip Manager

- Medicaid Fraud Control Unit—State match: **\$90,000**

1 Prosecutor, 1 Auditor

CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CENTERS

Support and Information Security for Interviews

- Cloud Security License: **\$52,000**
- Statewide Forensic Interviewer: **\$80,000**

Civil Litigation Expenses

Civil Litigation Account

- \$500,000 ongoing lapsing

FY22 supplemental

- \$200,000 one-time non-lapsing

SUMMARY OF REQUESTS

Priority: Hiring & Retention Crisis and Law Enforcement Talent Retention (\$2,750,000)	
Attorney and Staff Compensation	\$2,000,000
Law Enforcement Retention	\$750,000
Building Blocks (\$1,782,625)	
Constitutional Defense and Special Litigation	\$219,200
HB 218 (Lisonbee, 2019)	\$630,825
CASE Task Force (Ipson, 2020)	\$500,000
Security and Criminal Enforcement	
• Microsoft Office Security Upgrades, License	\$179,100
• Utah Trafficking in Persons TF—Criminal Analyst	\$13, 500 (One-Time FY22) + \$18,000 (Ongoing)
• Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force—Cybertip Manager	
• Medicaid Fraud Control Unit: 1 Prosecutor, 1 Auditor	\$90,000
Childrens Justice Center	
• Cloud Security License	\$52,000
• Statewide Forensic Interviewer	\$80,000
Total	\$4,532,625
Civil Litigation Account (Lapsing, Ongoing)	\$500,000



Questions?

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